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Salutations!

The Members of the Seraph Staff would like to take this opportunity to extend their Best Wishes to the Faculty, Student Body, and to all our readers for a joyous Holiday Season. May each one of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Coronate Campus Miss At Christmas Soirée

On December 16th, in the Prep Grand Ballroom the most successful Christmas Dance in the Prep history was held, with the highlight of the night being the crowning of the 1961-62 Miss St. Francis Prep.

From beginning to end the Prepsters were treated to the flawless music of the Prep Dance Band under the direction of Brother Becket. The Band swung out an assortment of cha-cha's, lindy's, waltzes, and gave a special emphasis to the twist; much to the delight of the Prepsters and their beautiful escorts.

The gourmet tastes of the couples were appeased by the cokes that bubbled like champagne and hot dogs cooked deliciously a la Brother Mario.

The highlight of the dance; the royal coronation of Miss St. Francis came at 11:15 when the judges, Brothers Kilian, Leonard, Conan, and Mr. Monaghan picked Valerie Keough, a Sophomore from Catherine McAuley as Miss St. Francis Prep 1961-62 in the Seraph-sponsored contest. Preceded by her ladies-in-waiting, Debbie Kenny and Joanne Marcello, the Queen proceeded up the royal carpet with the hard-working dance committee forming an honor guard to receive the tiara, symbolic of her new reign, from Brother Kilian. Barbara Wotman, last years Queen presented our new Miss St. Francis Prep with a bouquet of roses to the joy of her escort Marty Flanagan.

The Dance then proceeded to a joyous conclusion amidst soft music and the singing of Christmas carols by the Prep's answer to Mitch Miller's gang.

Chem Students Instruct Peers

Under the watchful eye of Brother De Porres, a new type of Chemistry Club has been formed at the Prep. Its main objective is the instruction of those who are having difficulty with their Third Year Science. These classes meet five days a week after school.

Although the Club's ideas is not basically new to the Prep, the approach is. The instructors of these groups are the students themselves. The body that performs this service come from Classes 301; M. De Chillo, J. Himmelsbach, R. Lewandowski, P. Liebman, J. Quinn, R. Sme, and E. Westhoff; and 303; R. Monk and R. Viola. Each of these individuals has demonstrated excellence in the subject matter.

The advantages of this system are that those needing individual instruction can get it. Also, it breaks down certain teacher-pupil barriers which can be stumbling blocks to learning, and moreover, it helps the student instructors to become more proficient in their subject.

At this writing the Club is still in its infancy and for that reason a detailed account on its progress cannot be given, however, all the reports received thus far have been favorable.



Valerie Keough, a Sophomore from Catherine McAuley, reigns as Miss St. Francis Prep.

Mothers' Guild Assists Library Reconstruction

The Annual Card Party sponsored by the Mothers' Guild of St. Francis Prep was held in the Penn Top Room of the Statler-Hilton Hotel on Saturday, December 2nd. Approximately seven hundred and fifty mothers, relatives, and friends of the Prepsters attended.

Beside the more than two hundred and fifty door and fifty sweepstake prizes, a raffle of a mink clutch cape and a \$100 War Bond took place. Mrs. Mary Lohn, mother of Peter Lohr of Class 206, won the mink cape. The War Bond was won by Mrs. Martha Bennett, sister of Eugene Westhoff of Class 301.

The Committee Members of the Mothers' Guild, especially Mrs. Mary Honan, chairlady of the Card Party, are to be sincerely thanked for their excellent work in making this undertaking truly successful.

Brother Kilian, moderator of the Mothers' Guild, has announced that the proceeds realized by this social affair are being used to help defray the cost of renovation of the library. Actually,

the first steps in the process of renovation started at the end of last summer when new fluorescent lighting and an air conditioner were installed.

During the Christmas Recess the library will be painted and new bookshelves will be installed. When the library reopens after the Holidays, it will have a complete new appearance and we can be thankful to the Mothers' Guild for helping to make this possible.



Christmas Message

It was Saint Francis of Assisi who once stated that Christmas was the Feast of Feasts because on that day the Most High Son of God became a poor little Child, and because without Bethlehem there would have been no Calvary, and without the Cross there would be no Redemption. We should then welcome this solemn and sweet event in the spirit of the Poverello, with feelings of mingled awe and tenderness—awe at the presence of such a profound mystery, tenderness at the sight of the poor little Child. No better way presents itself than by contemplating on the Gospel stories of the three Masses prescribed for Christmas Day.

In those days Caesar Augustus decreed that a census should be taken of the whole world. And Joseph also made the journey for the city of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, to be enrolled; and with him was Mary, his wife, who was with child. And not finding room in the inn, they took refuge in a cave nearby, where Jesus was born that very night. His mother then wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. This is the stark story of the first Christmas. God becomes Man and takes up His abode with men, but He comes unattended; were it not for the herald angels, He would also have arrived unsung. It is men who have given Him nothing, neither decent shelter nor clothing, not even a reception of welcome. This night is born to us a Saviour in poverty, in loneliness, and in humility.

From these presentations it remains for us to react and draw, not only a stronger realization of the poverty of the Poor King of heaven, but also a vivid appreciation and value of a true spirit of humility.

In the Gospel story, for the second Mass of Christmas we read how the shepherds of Bethlehem, having received the glad tidings from the angels, hastily made their way in simple faith to the manger. There they found the Divine Child with Mary and Joseph, as the celestial messengers had announced, and their simple, child-like hearts understood at once Who it was that lay before them.

This simple joy of the shepherds which has characterized the celebration of Christmas for centuries is due to none other than Saint Francis of Assisi, who restored the shepherds' spirit to the Holy Night because he too, received the angelic news with the guilelessness of a child. It was in the woods of Greccio that Saint Francis instituted the first Christmas midnight Mass before the first realistic representation of the cave of Bethlehem. It was here that the Lark of Umbria announced in honey-sweet words the birth of the Poor King of heaven and that the Divine Child appeared to him, thus rewarding his simple soul as He had done to the shepherds of Bethlehem.

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The Gospel story for the third Christmas Mass is far different from the other two Gospels. Here we find no simple picturing of pastoral scenes and earthy births, but rather the Evangelist Saint John soars aloft to unroll the infinite landscapes of the Eternal and announces another Birth: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . All things were made by Him: and without Him was made nothing that was made" (John 1:1,3). Here is shown the eternal generation of the Son, the same Word that today was made flesh and dwelt among us; here is related how all creation was made by and through and for this Most High Son of God, the same Person Who now takes up human nature in utter nakedness and helplessness.

Such a lofty conception may seem far beyond possible connection with the Franciscan way of gazing on the Christ Child. Yet there is a connection between the eternal happenings with the incident in time. All creation is made for Christ; yet in becoming Man, Christ chooses the humblest and the poorest in that creation. The people He first greets as God-Man are not the aristocratic rulers and high priests, but the humble Joseph and Mary and the shepherds; He arrives not in Jerusalem, the Queen of Sion, but in Bethlehem, the least of the cities of Judea; He lies not on the soft downy couch of a palace, but naked on the straw of a stable.

Yes, the Word is made flesh and is in all the tabernacles of the world.

Let us tabernacle Him in our souls on Christmas Day.
Pax in te!

Brother David, O.S.F.
Principal

Francis of Assisi's Christmas at Greccio

by Richie Cefalu

This work is offered with the firm hope that a spark of the fire that burned in the heart of Our Holy Father St. Francis and his Companions may enkindle a flame in many hearts. It is true that the facts of the life of the man who left all that he might find all cannot become the facts of our life, but as Students of the Prep, the spirit is ours. This little work breathes the Spirit of Il Poverello, the Poor Man of Assisi.

Reference to Historical Information: Vita Prima of Rev. Thomas of Celano, O.F.M., the first biographer of St. Francis.

In the Year of our Lord 1223, in the Italian village of Greccio, St. Francis, captivated by the humility demonstrated in the Incarnation, instituted a reverent custom, lauding the Saviour, that has continued seven successive centuries and still is observed in Christendom today. An obscure individual named John of whom little is known save that he was "of good repute" and of yet better life, invited Francis and the Friars to observe the Feast of the Lord's Nativity in Greccio. Now, he was held in high esteem and affection by Francis for, although of noble and very prominent family, John had trampled underfoot nobility of flesh to pursue nobility of soul. Two weeks prior to the great feast, Francis summoned him and informed him that if he wanted the Friars to celebrate Christmas at Greccio, he should prepare things so that all who visited there would be reminded of the child "who was born in Bethlehem". (Matt. 2:1), and would view how He suffered the lack of all those comforts needed by an infant; how He was "laid in a manger" (Luke 2:7), and how He rested on the straw, with the ox and the ass standing by.

When all was in accord with the instructions, the Friars, from diverse locals, proceeded to assemble at Greccio. Swelling hearts imbued with joy permeated the congregation that immediately entered into a procession, with lighted candles and torches, to lighten the night that has and does illuminate eternity with its glittering stars.

The great Saint of God saw it and was glad. For there, in the manger filled with hay, warmed by the breath

of the ox and ass, there with the Redeemer, simplicity was honored, poverty exalted, and humility extolled.

As the people of the surrounding area arrived at the manger, they were elated with the delights of the wonderful marvel. The sounds of joyful voices reverberated in the woods as the Friars chanted the Divine Office, rendering adoration to the Lord; the night rang with jubilation. Then, while both the Friars and people were kneeling in prayer, St. Francis stood before the improvised manger overwhelmed with devotion and radiating the ecstasy of joy.

Culminating the solemn vigil, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered. Francis served as Deacon and chanted the Gospel in melodious tones, beckoning all to eternal happiness. When he preached the sermon, he uttered the Holy Name several times. And every time, he seemed to moisten his lips with his tongue, as if to permit his graced palate to relish and savor the flavor of the word. His sermon ended the celebration.

One of the men who had heard the words of the Saint of God, had an apparition in which Francis was seen to awaken an infant that had been sleeping. This symbolized that the Christ Child had been obscured from many hearts; and that He was to be revitalized there by the working of His grace through St. Francis; and that through Francis, He would be eternally instilled in those hearts and in many others for centuries to come.

The relics of the first Christmas Crib effected many miracles among the populace, one of which was the safe delivery of a woman in prolonged childbirth. Consequent to these many spiritual manifestations and consideration of this historical significance, the manger at Greccio was consecrated to the Lord and dedicated to St. Francis so that where at one time, in the words of Thomas of Celano, "animals ate food of hay, henceforth men, for healing of their souls and bodies will eat of the flesh of the Lamb without stain or blemish, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns God, eternally glorious, world without end Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia!"

FEATURE ARTICLE

Radioactive Repercussions

Raymond Monk, a Junior here at St. Francis Prep and a member of the newly organized Biology Club, writes this article as a report of progress on his project that will be entered in all City-wide Science Fair Contests.

Since the beginning of time the question "What is Life?" has puzzled Man. Today the Biophysicist is especially interested in the effects of radiation on growth and heredity in living organisms and means of tracing different nutrients in a living organism. This science is concerned with the study of different radiations on plants and seeds, and the tracing of nutrients in plants through the use of radioactive tracer elements (commonly known as radioisotopes). I have bombarded different coleus plants and bean seeds with X-rays for long periods of time in order to produce a mutation or somatic change in the plants' chromosomes. I believe these will also bring an outward change in the plant regarding color, and other characteristics. These changes can be compared to controlled plants which have not been subjected to radiation. Irradiation of pepper and bean seeds with gamma and beta rays from Cobalt 60 and Radium over long periods of time may produce new varieties of plants; some which germinate quickly and produce sturdy plants and others which do not germinate are easily attacked by fungus. Tracer ele-

ments as Phosphorous-32 (P^{32}) have also helped to locate the presence of Phosphates in different amounts in certain parts of the plant. The radiation property of P^{32} have been found in the roots and the young leaves of the plant which have been in a solution of P^{32} for a few hours. The P^{32} can also be injected into the soil in which the plant grows.

These studies are of great importance because new varieties of plants can be produced which are resistant to fungus and other diseases; plants can be made to yield better crops and the effectiveness of fertilizers by tracing the uptake and distribution of minerals in the plant through the use of radioisotopes can be initiated.

The words of the great scientist Michael Faraday, spoken one hundred years ago, give us a genuine account of today and the future. "It is the great beauty of our science that advancement in it, whether in a degree great or small, instead of exhausting the subject of research opens doors to further and more abundant knowledge overflowing with beauty and utility."

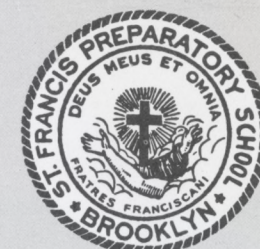
Sam Rayburn

by A. Sofia

On November 16, the light in the heart of a nation grew dim because of the death of a man whose whole existence was the very pulse of that nation. This elderly Congressman was Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Since 1912, his life and his love was his country. Mr. Rayburn's life could have been compared with that of a martyr. A martyr gives his life for his beliefs and Mr. Rayburn died for his beliefs; prominent among them were democracy, education, and world peace. He was a man with ideals; ideals which were of infinite heights. He was a man who served his country as a Master of Masters.

Sam Rayburn was not born a noble man of political status. He was a man who had to overcome the hardships of poverty. Mr. Rayburn was one of the few recent politicians who could have said that he was born in a log cabin. He obtained his success by his never ending battle to overcome his handicap of poverty. Mr. Rayburn worked his way through Texas State College and in 1912 he obtained a seat in Congress. This seat was never to be vacated. As the years progressed so did Mr. Sam. He progressed to the distinction of Speaker of the House of Representatives. Here he worked until the recent climax of his life.

Mr. Sam Rayburn is a name never to be forgotten. It will live in the hearts of millions, and will be recalled in History Books of the future. Children of the present and of the future shall think of this man equal of the fame and glory of Dag Hammarskjold, Steven Douglas and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Adults will remember him as the synonym for love of country. His name will live on as we live but will never die.



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Third Order Tertiaries K. Boyle, J. Flood, R. Funk and E. Mruczek, precede Fr. Fink and Bishop Coscia into Church on the occasion of His Excellency's visit.

Activate Third Order With New Officers

The Third Order is a form of life, instituted by St. Francis of Assisi over seven hundred years ago, to enable people living in the world to practice moderation in all things; the antidote to worldliness and excess, and a sure and straight way to Christian Perfection. The Third Order was founded primarily, to sanctify its members by the observance of their *Rule of Life*, and secondly, to attract others to Christian virtue, by diffusing the Christianlike spirit of St. Francis in domestic and social life. The Third Order is a religious order for laymen.

The first six months of probationary membership constitute the Postulate after which the members are received into the Novitiate. They are Novices for one year and one day and are then professed and continue as Tertiaries. Each day, they recite the Little Office consisting of twelve Our Father's, Hail Mary's, and Glory Be's. The members wear a habit, a small cord around the waist and a scapular over the shoulders both of which are completely concealed in one's clothing. Spiritually, the Third Order is the richest lay organization in the Church. A member can gain close to three hundred indulgences a year. Partial indulgences far exceed this number. Every time a member of the Third Order hears Holy Mass, he is benefitting from the Masses of four million other people, his brothers and sisters in the orders of St. Francis.

The members of St. Francis Prep Fraternity of the Third Order meet regularly once a month in the evening and they take part in the various Franciscan devotions. It was recently that four professed members of the Order served Mass for Bishop Coscia when he visited the Prep. It is also their distinct privilege to serve at First Friday Masses in St. Vincent's. The St. Francis Prep Fraternity is also pleased to announce that a new religious director, Rev. Marshall Schug, O.F.M., Cap., was appointed recently. The last meeting of the Third Order took place December 14 at seven o'clock in the evening. Postulates and Novices received instruction in the classroom prior to the meeting which was held in the Brothers' Chapel. This year, the ceremony of investiture will take place in the Spring and anyone wishing to join the Order is asked to contact Brothers Benignus or Gerald or any of the officers. This year's officers were appointed as follows: Prefect, Keven Boyle; Vice Prefect, Edward Mruczek; Secretary, Walter Swarkowski; Treasurer, John Flood; and Novice Master, Rudy Funke.

Posters Instill School Spirit

Again the students of St. Francis Prep can not help but notice that the Poster Club, under the direction of Brother Marius, has by far been one of the most active clubs in the Prep. They have turned out posters pertaining to every possible activity. The Club tries to be impartial when it is asked to make posters for Athletic Activities, activities of the Music Department, Social Functions, other Club activities, and the Seasonal Displays.

Thus far, the Poster Club has had a busy season by trying to encourage the Prepsters to attend Football Games, Wednesday Afternoon Dances, the Halloween Dance, and to join the Dramatics Club.

During the month of November each classroom bore a reminder for Prepsters to remember the souls in Purgatory and the club is reminding the students of the Advent Season in the same way. During the Novena of the Immaculate Conception, the stairways were lined with posters bearing Scriptural Quotations in honor of Our Blessed Mother. At present the eager members are busily preparing Christmas decorations which will include a crib in the main corridor.

This year's members number about thirty who actively engage themselves for the enjoyment they obtain from being one of the most important advertising agencies of the Prep. Their work has been appreciated by everyone here at the Prep and we hope that "quality plus quantity" will remain the Club's slogan for the future.

Al Kelly Entertains Fathers At Smoker

Prior to the Thanksgiving Recess, Monday, November 20th, the Prep's Fathers' Guild held its Annual Smoker in the school gymnasium. As usual, the Fathers' Guild Committee headed by Mr. Charles Hanson, spared no effort to make this an enjoyable evening for all concerned.

Meeting in the school gym at 8 P.M. the Smoker got off to a good start with a superb performance given by Al Kelly, the King of Doubletalk, who was followed later in the evening by musical selections by Brook Benton and his orchestra.

As an added attraction the Prep's own Fathers' Guild Band headed by Mr. Bill Viggiano added their own musical talents to an already enjoyable evening; much to the liking of the fathers.

Concerning the refreshments, they were "on the house" being covered previously by the two dollars paid for the ticket of admission to this gala event.

The Board of Directors of the Guild meets on the first Monday of every month, to plan ahead for coming meetings and social affairs. There is also a general meeting following the distribution of report cards, in order to provide an opportunity for Faculty interviews. These annual events tend to strengthen the ties between the Fathers and the Faculty, with the final goal of aiding the students both academically and spiritually.

A special note of thanks is in store for the Fathers' Guild Committee, headed by Mr. Charles Hanson, and Brothers Fabian and Liguori, the moderators, for making this affair one of the highlights on the Prep's Social Calendar.



Mrs. McDonald leads sopranos for Annual Christmas Concert.

Festival Enkindles Christmas Cheer

The Music Department of the Prep, in conjunction with the neighboring St. Albert's High School, presented its annual Christmas Concert at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Under the direction of Mrs. Marie McDonald, the Prep Glee Club offered their rendition of We Wish You A Merry Christmas, My Master Was So Very Poor, Poor Little Jesus, Go Tell It On The Mountain, and the very novel One For The Little Baby. Four Prepsters, using two pianos then played the lively Spanish Tanze. The girls of St.

Power Boat Squadron

Since the beginning of this school year fifteen members of the Prep's Powerboat Squadron spent Tuesday evenings at the Hotel Towers preparing for the Piloting Test. Classes were conducted by the United States Powerboat Squadron.

On Tuesday, December 5th, twelve of the members of the club passed the test. The newly certified pleasure boat pilots are: Frank Schuman, John Pease, John Lione, Charles Liotta, Thomas Waters, Frank Walkow, Frank Scaraglino, Walter Dunn, Steve Walsh, Jerry Conlon, Thomas Finn, and Robert Karpinski.

Albert's sang Let Our Gladness Know No End, the traditional Carol of the Bells, and Jesu Bambino and their pianists played The Morris Dance. Mr. Foster's string ensemble was next to appear with an arrangement of seven very old German Christmas Carols. Christmas Winds, A Suite Of Carols, was well executed by the Brass Choir, directed by Mr. Rydzeski. This was followed by a Hungarian Dance from the accordion ensemble. Not to be outdone by Mitch Miller and the Gang, the Prepsters and the girls invited the audience to join them and the accordions in singing a selection of favorite Christmas numbers including Silent Night, The First Noel, Rudolf, The Red Nosed Reindeer, and White Christmas. The concert concluded with Fred Waring's arrangement of the Song of Christmas.

The concert was a huge success and plaudits must be extended to all who participated in the concert including the directors and moderators, Brother Benignus, Brother Norbert, Brother Becket, and Brother Marius.

Duns Scotus SJU Tourney

On December 8, the members of the Dun Scotus Society of St. Francis Prep participated in a City-wide Speech Contest at St. John's University. The contestants aimed their efforts at the top prize; namely, a Scholarship to St. John's University. The contest consisted of three types of speeches; Debate, Oratory, and Extemporaneous Speech.

In Debate, a strong Varsity combination of Ernest Seglie of 301, and Ted Bajo of 405, brought high hopes to the team in having won this event. This same combination last year placed our school ninth in the country.

In oratory and extemporaneous, two young Sophomores, Steve Wasil of 201, and William Foley of 203, represented the Prep.



Al Kelly specifies his points of double talk to Mr. Marty Flanagan at the smoker.

Frosh Swimmers End Undefeated Season

The long drive being over and all competition demolished, this year's Freshman Swimming Team again honored the Prep with the C.H.S.A.A. Freshman City Championship Trophy. When we consider the consistency with which the Frosh Teams win City Championships, three out of the last four years, we almost take it for granted that the team will win. Although we have been shown that the team usually emerges successfully, the quest for the Championship does not become any easier, a fact of which few of us are aware.

Drivers Ed. Receives Car

As the Prep began its new semester in September, the Driver Education course resumed in high gear. This year the two Brothers who are devoting their attention to teaching the course are Brothers De-Montfort and Vincent.

For the first several weeks the more than forty Driver Education Students devoted their attention to classroom studies. This included films on safety, a study of the Motor Vehicle Laws, driving techniques, tests on the various apparatus to measure reaction time, vision, depth perception and side vision.

The students were then introduced into actual car driving upon the arrival of a 1962 Ford Galaxie 500. The new Ford Driver Education Car is a gift of J. J. Hart Inc., a Brooklyn Ford Dealer, located at 1095 Atlantic Avenue.

The new Galaxie 500 is a white, four door Crown Victoria Hardtop, powered by a V-8 engine and automatic transmission. The car has power steering and dual controls. The retail value of the car is \$3,350.00. Many thanks to Mr. Hart.

The Driver Education course consists of thirty-eight periods of classroom instruction plus thirty-four periods of actual car instruction. Upon the successful completion of the course, a student receives a blue card which enables him to obtain a Senior License at the age of seventeen. Students become eligible for the course at the age of sixteen.

Frosh Lose In Opener

The Freshman Basketball Season got underway on Thursday, December 7, when they met a very forceful team from St. John's Prep. The final tally stood at 53-24 in favor of the Red and White; however, it gave our team the chance to gain much needed experience.

The Frosh once again faced opposition on Saturday, December 9, when they met the Frosh Team from Holy Cross. This game, at least the score, was less embarrassing as it stood at 49-45 at the final buzzer.

This year's Freshman Basketball Team is coached and moderated by a newcomer to our school, Brother Canisius. The team has a heavy schedule and Brother is looking forward to much improvement as the season wears on.

The roster lists the following fifteen names: Glamkowski, and Brandiero from 102. Alloggiamento, De Angelis, Romeo, Dalton, Edmonds, and Valenza from 103. Callahan, Penna, and Saume from 106. Gennusa, Lyons, and Messina from 101, and Torre from 104.

Looking back on the Schedule of Seven Successful Meets, many of the Frosh Team members have shown their dedication and talent. Some of the consistent point scorers were: B. Russo, and J. Pollack in the Butterfly; B. Zinkand, J. Thamm and P. Jacques in the Backstroke; J. Higgins and J. Brierly in the Breaststroke, and the quartet of Freestylers; P. McGee, J. Stillwell, J. Enright, and J. Welling. The Individual Medley contingent of J. Peters and D. Schenk were always in there for valuable points.

It is impossible to give the achievements of every swimmer. Many talented competitors helped make our lineup both interchangeable and unconquered.

Looking ahead to the Freshmen Individual Championships, Mr. Booras and Brother Malachy are both confident that the Team will uphold the high standards it has already displayed. The Individual Championships will end a most successful season for Mr. Booras, coach; Brother Malachy, moderator; and the entire Freshmen Championship Swimming Team.

Alumni Game

The Annual Alumni-Varsity Basketball Game was held on November 24, with the Varsity emerging as the victors. Both teams played well but as the game wore on the grueling pace took its toll on the Alumni. The final score was Varsity 58—Alumni 56. The starting team for the Alumni was Ray Nash '59, Jack O'Boyle '60, Bob Jenkins '57, Josh Wolterling '58, and Jack Prenderville '51. They were backed up by Ed Hynes '49, Tom Powers '52, Brother Owen '49, Brother Dermot '52, Brother Christopher '51, Tom Tiernan '46, Joe Capasso '53 and Pete Schweizer '58. A Social was held in the cafeteria after the game.



Co-Captains B. Russo, B. Kinkhand and J. Welling, flanked by Brother Malachy and Mr. Booras, present the well-earned swimming trophy.

Freshmen Win Crown In Follow-Up Year

History has once again repeated itself at St. Francis Prep. A tradition which was established in the 1930's, of the Freshman Swimming Team taking the City Championships, consistently, has continued to the present day. Each Principal starting his career has been awarded his first C.H.S.A.A. League Championship from Mr. Booras, won by the Freshmen. Brother Jerome was the first to receive a League Championship Trophy from the Swimmers. He was followed by Brothers Charles, Bernard, James, Timothy, and this year by Brother David.

Spike Men Rebuild

Hit hard by graduation, injuries, and scholastic matters, the track team can look ahead for a real uphill struggle.

On Saturday, December 2, the C.H.S.A.A. Relay Championships were held at the 102nd Armory. The Varsity Team did not do so well because of injuries to J. Simmonelle and R. Murphy, plus the fact that many seniors were taking College Board Tests. The team did garnish a Second Place finish in the Hurdle Relay composed of K. Hodne, M. Tener, R. Donovan and Robert Ostrander. With the guidance of two capable coaches, Jim McHugh and John Donovan, the Track Team can be counted on to gain new laurels for the Prep.



Brother Vincent and John Halpin wear approving smiles as they inspect the new car.

Swimming Scholars

Brother Malachy, moderator and Mr. Thomas A. Booras, coach, are extremely proud of their swimmers; champions in both the swimming pool and in the classroom. This year's squad has fifty-three members on the School's Honor Societies; twenty-four are numbered on the coveted Principal's Key and there are twenty-nine on the Optimate's List.

Principal's List

Those on the Principal's List are: Henry Frey, Fred Conroy, Lawrence Flanagan, Thomas Zinkand, Peter Cul-len, Francis Dann, Brian Dunn, Ray Eckert, John Festa, George Fisher, James Forgione, Ed Geis, William Greene, Vincent Iacono, Ray Jorgensen, Joel Lamy, Kevin McQuade, Joseph Okoivita, Bernard Rogan, John Santini, Frank Scaraglino, Donald Schenk, Franz Walkow, and Robert Walsh.

Optimates Society

Those on the Optimates Society are: Robert Cresci, Joseph Carlson, John Campbell, Joseph Kuhl, Joseph Lo Menzo, Albert Forte, Ronald Eidshaug, John Degnan, Stanley Winski, Michael Cooper, Alexander McAllister, William Foley, John Stanton, Kenneth Cummings, Eugene Costello, Peter McDonnell, Peter Saxon, Ken Herrick, Charles De Vuolo, John Barrett, Nicholas Barney, Robert Ward, William Morgan, William Gowrie, Robert Bombara, and Donald Brewer.

The highest Scholastic Varsity Athlete in the school is Captain Henry Frey, holder of the National 100 yard Butterfly Title. Henry is still proud holder of the Freshmen City 50 yard Butterfly Record, which Coach Tom Booras feels will be broken this year by our Freshman Butterfly specialist, Barry Russo.

RESULTS OF SEASON'S SCHEDULE

PREP	OPP.
44 Brooklyn Prep	33
42 Rice	35
42 Tolentine	35
40 St. John's	37
44 Hayes	33
50 Loughlin	27
Win Fordham	Forfeit

Keglers Roll Up Score In C.H.S.A.A. Bowling League

The St. Francis Prep Varsity Keglers, under the direction of Brother Brian, are presently in Third Place in the C.H.S.A.A. Bowling League. The starting five are headed by Seniors: John Chojnowski, Fred Lopatynski, Andy Vasio; Junior, Bob Roeburg and Sophomore, Bernie Rogan. Mike Montemarano and Paul Cieminicki have added depth to the team as backup men.

The first match of the season was a close one against Trinity in which the Terriers took two out of three points. Following this they rolled against St.

the City Championship. The team consists of Juniors: Bob Engel and Greg Harker; and Sophomores: Pete Lohr, Bob Robotti, Herb Wuchte, Charlie Rufrano, and John Zawasky.

On December 3, Brother Brian sponsored a Father and Son Bowling Tournament at the Brooklyn Strand Lanes. His unfailing efforts to make this affair a huge success were marred by the small number in attendance. However, he insists on having another tournament shortly, with the same beautiful trophies awarded to the winners.

Four Prep Gridmen Lead All-Star Teams

Indindoli-Andrejko Top CHSFL All League Team



Dom Indindoli
Lineman



Willy Andrejko
Quarterback



Jim Sadlier
Tackle



Jim Brolley
End

On November 19, the Prep's Football Season came to a victorious close with a win over Stepinac. When the Final Standings in the C.H.S.F.L. League were announced, St. Francis Prep was second only to Chaminade who had gone through the season undefeated. The top spot eluded us, but the Honors which the team has received just recently, have "somewhat" offset this failure. These Honors have come in the form of the naming of certain members of the Varsity to represent the City, Metropolitan District, and Catholic High Schools. *The Seraph* feels that it is fitting to give the players the publicity they deserve in the school paper.

Probably the greatest High School Football Player in the City this year was Dom Indindoli. He made every post season team, including the coveted *World Telegram & Sun* All Met Team. The powerful guard was picked on the CHSFL First All League Team. The *Journal American* placed him on their All Catholic Team. The aforementioned Award is quite an honor. It covers not only Metropolitan New York but also New Jersey, Westchester, and Nassau County. In addition, Dom made the *Telegram* All Catholic and All Prep, the *Post* All CHSAA, the *Tribune* All Catholic, the *News* All City and *The Tablet* All Catholic Teams. Added to all this, he received the *Post* All CHSAA and *Tablet* Most Valuable Player Award plus a special Hall of Fame Award. The latter is given to the player who shows the greatest scholastic, as well as athletic achievement in the City of New York. Last but certainly not least, Dom received the Lineman of the Year Award presented by the Prep.

Leading the team through the last four games of the season was Willy Andrejko. The sensational Junior Quarterback pitched touchdown after touchdown to give the Terriers four straight victories over Cardinal Hayes, Mount St. Michael, St. John's and Stepinac. In the St. John's Game he connected for four touchdown passes. Willy was placed on the CHSFL All League Team, the *Journal* All Catholic, the *Telegram* All Catholic, the *Post* All CHSAA, and the *Tribune* All Catholic Squads.

Jim Sadlier, the Prep's terrific tackle, received outstanding awards at the end of the season. His name appeared on the CHSFL All League Team, the *Telegram* All Catholic Team, and the *Tribune* All Catholic Team. Jim also received the Lou Gehrig Award, which is a great tribute to him. Finally, Jim appeared on the *Journal*, *Post*, and *Tablet* Second Teams.

Jim Brolley, who was Andrejko's favorite target, also received post season honors. Jim made the *Tablet* All Catholic Team, and he received Honorable Mention on the CHSFL All League Team.

Ed Fabre, the Terriers' tough Fullback, was named to the *Post* and CHSFL Second Teams.

Receiving Honorable Mention were: Craig Anzalone, Roger Marco, Joe Pepe, Jeff Howard, and Tom Bongiorno. Bongiorno also received the Back of the Year Award presented by the Prep.

Scanning this article quickly, one realizes how great our team was this year. Every Prepster has good reason to be proud of that fact.



Speckenback shoots for two points against Redmen.

Terriers Victorious In Seasonal Openers

Dec. 7, St. Francis Gym—Tonight marked the official opening of the Basketball Season as St. Francis surprised St. John's by soundly defeating the Redmen by a score of 95-69. An overflow crowd saw the Terrier Five get off to a slow start as they spotted the Redmen a score of 10-0 in the opening minutes. The score was finally knotted at 16-all at the end of the first quarter. The second and third quarters saw the Terriers out in front by a margin of approximately ten points. Behind Paul Speckenback, John McGovern, and John Gibbons, the Prep entered the final period with a 61-51 edge.

Big gun for the team was John Gibbons with 25, and contributing with 18 each were Brian Hill and John McGovern. Paul Speckenback added 12 points, Lloyd Dove 10, and Freshman Pat Heelan 3, to the final tally.

The first quarter was all St. John's, as the Terrier Quintet found the ball too lively to handle. The game broke slightly in favor of the Prep near the end of the quarter and they were able to pull out a 16-all deadlock.

The second quarter was an omen of things to come as the Terriers played almost without substitutions. Whenever St. John's received possession of the ball they were unable to penetrate very deeply into St. Francis territory. Resorting to long set shots, they were fairly successful. By the third quarter there was never any doubt that they were matching a superior Terrier Team.

Freshman Pat Heelan got into the game and fought off any signs of nervousness to score a field goal and a free-throw against the Redmen Varsity. For a while, the chant of "we want a hundred," it seemed as though the magic mark might be reached, but there was not enough time after Paul Speckenback dunked the last Terrier points.

A substitute-ridden Prep Team held the comfortable lead, enabling the starters to get a well-earned rest. The final tally once again, was 95-69.

Terriers Surprise Xaverian Five

Dec. 10, St. Francis Gym—A strong St. Francis Prep Quintet defeated the Xaverian Five 83-69 at the Prep today in a CHSAA contest. The Terriers displayed a balanced offense and an effective zone defense in turning back the men from Bay Ridge. Xaverian sped to a substantial edge in the early minutes of play. The determined Prepsters slowly but surely whittled their lead to 16-13 at the end of the first quarter.

An early second period splurge, led by John McGovern and John Gibbons, vaulted the Red and Blue in front. With Lloyd Dove clearing the boards and Paul Speckenback scoring on his patented jump shot, the Terriers were able to maintain their lead throughout the quarter and subsequently held a 36-33 advantage at half time.

A tight, pressing defense by Xaverian momentarily stalled the Terrier Five, in the opening minutes of the third quarter, which enabled Xaverian to knot the score once again in the game. The Terriers regained their poise and took command, never again to let the opposition get within the danger zone. Nifty baskets by Brian Hill and John McGovern and excellent foul shooting by big John Gibbons led the spree. St. Francis' superior height and talented shooters were too much to handle for the Shore Roaders. Indicative of the team's coordinated and balanced attack was the fact that four of the five starters scored in the double figures. John Gibbons topped the Prep's scorers with 22 points, being capably supplemented by John McGovern with 20, Paul Speckenback with 18 and Brian Hill with 15. All of the Terrier points added up to 83 as compared with 69 for the opponents.

Varsity—J-V Basketball Schedule

JAN.	
3	Holy Cross—Home
5	St. Augustine—Home (N)
9	St. John's Prep—Away
13	Archbishop Molloy—Away (N)
16	Xaverian—Away
19	Holy Trinity—Away (N)
26	Cathedral—Home
30	Loughlin—Home
FEB.	
2	St. Augustine—Away
4	Chaminade—Away
9	McClancy—Home (N)
(N)	— Night Game (J.V. 7:00; Varsity 8:30).
	Afternoon Game — (Varsity 3:30; J.V. to follow).
	Sunday Afternoon Game — (J.V. 1:30; Varsity to follow).

Freshman Basketball Schedule

JAN.	
5	Loughlin—Home*
9	St. Augustine Home*
13	Xaverian—Home*
19	Mater Christi—Home*
20	La Salle—Home
27	Molloy—Away*
FEB.	
3	St. John's—Away*
9	McClancy—Home*

*Denotes league games.

J.V. Football Season Results

The J.V. Football Team turned in a notable season this year with five victories and one tie, while only bowing to their opponents three times. The Prep's five wins came over Holy Cross, Cardinal Hayes, Mount St. Michael, Brooklyn Tech, and St. John's; the eight-eight tie was with Stepinac. The three losses suffered by the Terriers were to Iona, Chaminade and Cardinal Spellman, each by less than eight points.

The strong Terrier defense allowed their opponents only 138 points, a low in a high scoring league, while the offensive squad rolled up 192 points. The high scorer for the team was Donald Burriesce who was directly responsible for 81 points. He was ably assisted in the backfield by Frank Massulli, Robert Rohl, and the alternates at Quarterback, John O'Rourke and Frank Rozzi. The high scoring of the backfield would not have been possible if it were not for the fine work done by the linemen. Some of the linemen who deserve mention are: M. D'Ingillo, R. Lotito, L. DeAngelo, J. McClurg, W. Casa, R. Mitsoda, R. Battel, M. Walsh, E. Gaffney, and J. Lennon.

From the looks of this squad next year's Varsity will have no worries about lack of new talent.

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Robert Cresci—401

St. Paul's Parish in Cobble-Hill boasts Bob as one of its contributions to the Prep. Affectionately known as "Bumps," Bob is another of the more popular members of the Senior Class. His popularity is attributed to three years on the Swimming Team, two years on the Seraph and four years on the San Fran. His Principal's List Membership, two year Optimate Membership, and three years on the National Honor Society, prove that Bob's acceptance to West Point in the Fall is a sure thing. An infinite variety of females have gained Bob's attention at one time or another, but at the present time, there is no one fair enough to win such a coveted honor.

Martin McCormick—402

Marty commutes to the Prep from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Astoria. Being a student of the classics, much of Marty's time is consumed in arduous labor in the newly dedicated Language Lab. This, however, has not hindered Marty's extra-curricular participation. His activities have included the Rally Committee, Cafeteria Squad, Driver's Education, Student Council, Dance Committee, and the Little Portion. In the Fall, Siena College will inherit Marty, where he will not be hindered by any girl in his intellectual pursuits.



Roger Marco—403

Roger, one of the four horse-men of the Terrier backfield, comes to us from St. Thomas Aquinas' Parish in Flatlands. Roger is one of the few gifted Prepsters who are able to combine talent, scholastic ability, and an outstanding sense of humor. His four years on the Football Team has developed Roger into one of the most powerful runners the Prep has seen in recent years. When not menacing tacklers, Roger donates his skill to the Field Events of the Track Team of which he has been a member for the last three years. Roger is presently on the Cafeteria Squad, and is the Treasurer of the Student Council. He has also participated in the Boy's State Program. In the scholastic field, Roger has proven himself to be outstanding, with his two years' Optimates Society and one year Membership on the Principal's List. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years. In the Fall Jeanne will visit Roger at Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy.

George Dinolfo—404

St. Bartholomew's Parish in Astoria is credited with "Dino," one of the sharpest dressers in the Prep. His activities have made him equally as popular. He's been on the Student Council for three years, Cafeteria Squad for two years, Intramurals for four years and the Military Band. His academic endeavors have not been futile, with his two years Optimate membership. In the Fall, the fortunate school will be C.C.N.Y. When asked about the prime asset to his popularity, George tells us that "Annette" helps him buy his clothes.



Joe Martin—405

Joe is one of the "Bayridge Bombers" from St. Ephrem's Parish. His talents are varied and many. He has been a member of the Track Team, Military Band and Golf Team. He's presently participating in the Cafeteria Squad and Driver's Education. From time to time, Joe may be seen in the halls sporting a white sweater, earned by four years on the Baseball Team. In the Fall, Joe will leave for St. Boneventure's University in pursuit of a higher education, while leaving Paul-ette's broken heart behind him.

Editor's Note

Prep Profiles would like to acknowledge its apologies to Gerry Strype for the typographical error appearing in last month's Seraph. His true residence is not Bayside but the il-

lustrious residential section of all Brooklyn—Bay Ridge. We were informed that Gerry was ostracized for two weeks. In order to redeem him we'd like to mention that this unforgivable error was our fault. Sorry, Gerry.

Strictly Senior

by J. J. and the Playboy

"PREDICTIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS . . ."

Babe Anzalone and Jim Sadlier—Santa Clauses at Macy's.

Benny Noonan and Mike O'Day—Bringing Christmas Presents to Brother Brendan.

Andy Iacenda—Working full time on the Coast.

Pinkey Pienkos—Performing deep-breathing exercises to stunt his growth.

Yogi McCabe—Sound asleep in the school building after the last class.

John Flood—Shopping for a new dishpan.

John Valenza—Return to the Bronx Zoo.

Gerry Conway—Start a Petition to go to the Senior Prom.

Frank Cammalleri—His "Ten-Spot" sing Christmas Carols.

Rich Rubino—Modeling for a Hair Spray Company.

Felix Marchese—Write a book entitled "The Truth About Cowboys."

"AWARDS OF THE MONTH . . ."

To Al Pizzimento for his rank in the Senior Class.

To John Valenza for getting his chin caught in the Malted Maker.

To "Fritz" Robinson for not having said a word in his Four Years in school.

To Brother Gratian for letting J. J. and the Playboy print a limited amount of "interesting" material.

To Joe Molen for giving up his Football Career to hold parties.

To John Gibbons for hitting his head on the blackboard.

To Jerry Salata for his impersonations of Bob Newhart.

To Dom Indindoli for making All-City.

To Ted Bajo for wanting to be called "Bottleneck."

To Stan Jordan for sitting on a thumb tack every day in class.

"IT WAS RUMORED THAT..."

Henry Frey's hat size goes up after every meet.

Jack McGovern owns his own basketball.

Gerry Strype really wants to pass Religion.

There will be a great debate between Brother Andrew and Mr. Chick Keegan.

Callahan and O'Sullivan want their names in the paper.

Lloyde Dove is an English instructor.

We need more all "around" teachers like Mr. Stenger.

Joe Martin puts cigarettes out with his socks on.

Richie Cefalu is a lovable guy in a crowd.

Cliff Trotter couldn't hold himself together at the Smoker.

Dick De Fronzo and George Spencer are afraid of getting wet.

Mary Flanagan bought twenty copies of one book at the Book-fair to please you know who?

The Juniors are too easy to rank out and step on.

Dom Indindoli and John Hernandez are "Twist Instructors."

Jim Sadlier is tired of Steak Dinners.

"NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR SANTA CLAUS TO O. K. . ."

Al Sabini has been elected hatchet man on the Basketball Team.

Mike O'Hara became the First President on the "D" List.

"THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE . . ."

Brother Brendan a Ticket Manager at an RKO Theater.

The Freshmen wearing "Kick-Me" signs on their backs.

A fire during Brother Theodore's Class.

Lloyd Dove start an overgrown toenail club.

Roger Morrissey fail a French Test.

Mr. Gibbons with a square back.

Nick Sikoryak's car last through the year.

The Sophomores cutting out paper dolls.

A CITY CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM.

John Pereira doing Chin-ups.

Jim Brolley and Joe Policastro finally wash dishes.

"Sam" Golthwaite join the Air Force.

Richie Cefalu bring Wendy to the Christmas Dance.

"CHRISTMAS SONGS TO MAKE A MILLION OR MORE . . ."

Climbing Up The Christmas Tree—John Valenza.

I'm Dreaming of a Foam Heaven—Donald Kent.

All I Want For Christmas is a Tooth—Roger Marco.

A Rednosed Human—Jim Brolley.

Dashing Through The Snow—The Track Team.

Jingle Bell Rock—By the Dates at the Christmas Dance.

"PERSONAL FLASHES AROUND THE PREP . . ."

Tom Bongiorno is looking for the guy whose bothering "J".

Brother Fabian once had a Red Pony.

Bill Crowe makes strange bets.

Gerry Strype is the sharpest guy in the school.

Owen Kane is a substitute runner.

Frank O'Neill is looking for gold.

Brother Canisius is starting on the Freshmen Basketball Team.

Brother Felician stole Brother Gerald's tobacco.

Martin Flanagan is making a bribe to permit his girl to win the MSFP Contest.

Paul Speckenback is changing his socks for Sock-Hops this year.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR, SENIORS"

You too, Baby Joe Martin.